

# Consent Agenda

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	4C
<b>Meeting Date</b>	September 22, 2008
<b>Prepared By</b>	Captain Ed Coursey
<b>Approved By</b>	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

<b>Discussion Item</b>	Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of New Police Department Uniforms
<b>Background</b>	<p>The FY 2009 budget includes funding for a uniform allowance to be paid to police personnel. During the negotiation of a new contract between the City and Local 400, the bargaining unit for many of the department's sworn employees, one of the issues discussed was the transition to a different style of uniform for police personnel. Chief Ricucci felt that a different style of uniform would enhance the professional image of the department and address some of the concerns expressed by City residents in the 2007 Resident Survey about the militaristic look of the present uniform style. Local 400 and the City subsequently agreed that the amount paid to each officer under the prior contract would be reduced by \$600 to offset the cost of transitioning to a new uniform style.</p> <p>The department plans to acquire the new uniforms under an existing Montgomery County Police Department contract with F&amp;F and A. Jacobs and Sons, Inc.--a uniform vendor in Baltimore with which the Takoma Park Police Department has done business for decades. The contract is for a new style Blauer uniform made of a water resistant yet breathable cotton blend product known as "3X Dry." The cut of the uniform provides the comfort and utility of a military style BDU, with a more professional appearance suitable for civilian law enforcement. It can be dry cleaned or laundered.</p> <p>The initial financial outlay for the new uniforms will be \$26,856.40. Each employee will be provided six trousers, three long sleeved shirts, three short sleeved shirts, and one jacket/coat, per officer. Hemming at \$4.00 per trouser will also be provided for an additional \$1,008 as an optional service available under the Montgomery County contract. Additional charges apply for any items in sizes 2XL or larger, as reflected in the attached pricing table.</p>
<b>Policy</b>	<p>The City provides initial equipment and uniforms to officers in the year they are hired and provides a uniform allowance in all subsequent years to cover the cost of all replacement needs.</p> <p>The Council approves purchases that exceed \$10,000.</p> <p>The City Manager may enter into contracts or agreements for cooperative purchasing, without the requirement of competitive bidding.</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	\$27,864.40 plus any additional charges for sizes over 2XL
<b>Attachments</b>	<p>Pricing table for items under the Montgomery County Uniform Contract</p> <p>Single Reading Ordinance authorizing the purchase of uniforms for police personnel</p>

	from F&F and A. Jacob and Sons, Inc.
<b>Recommendation</b>	Staff recommends approval of the Single Reading Ordinance authorizing the purchase of uniforms from F&F and A. Jacob and Sons, Inc.
<b>Special Consideration</b>	A budget amendment will be required to transfer a portion of the clothing allowance monies to the appropriate expenditure line item for the purchase of uniforms will be submitted to the Council during the month of October.

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Cost Per Item per Montgomery County Uniform Contract 7474000124AA

Item	Sizes S-M-L-XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
TRS 8810X sp Black - Trousers	\$42.15	\$46.37	\$50.58	\$54.80	\$73.76
L/S Black Shirt 8703X	\$30.15	\$33.17	\$36.18	\$39.20	\$52.76
S/S Black Shirt 8713X	\$26.75	\$29.43	\$32.10	\$34.78	\$46.81
Jacket 9860- 02	\$205.00	\$225.50	\$246.00	\$266.50	\$358.75

Introduced by:

Adopted:  
Single Reading

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
ORDINANCE NO. 2008 -**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PURCHASE  
OF REPLACEMENT UNIFORMS FOR POLICE OFFICERS**

- WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Police Department desires to replace its current uniforms with a new style to improve utility and to provide a professional appearance suitable for civilian law enforcement; and,
- WHEREAS, Montgomery County has competitively bid and awarded a contract for police uniforms to F&F and A. Jacob and Sons, Inc., and,
- WHEREAS, in accordance with the City's procurement regulations, the City Manager may enter into contracts or agreements for cooperative purchasing, without the requirement of competitive bidding; and,
- WHEREAS, the purchase of the new uniforms and related funding issues is provided for in the contract between the City and Local 400 of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union; and,
- WHEREAS, funding is available in the operating budget of the Police Department for the purchase of the new uniforms; and,
- WHEREAS, a budget amendment transferring funds from the clothing allowance item to the appropriate expenditure line item for the purchase of uniforms will be submitted to the Council during the month of October.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

SECTION 1. The bid of F&F and A. Jacobs and Sons, Inc. for the purchase of various uniform clothing articles, as set forth in Montgomery County Contract 7474000124AA, is accepted.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2008.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT: